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ATT: MR. DAVID AARON

FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 16756 ACTION SECSTATE 29 OCT 77

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 16756

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (AARON, DAVID)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID AARON

REF: STATE 257778

1. FOLLOWING IS ILLUSTRATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VISIT OF DAVID
AARON TO TOKYO. WE WILL CONFIRM DETAILS FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS
WITH FONOFF AND OTHERS.

2. FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

0615 - ARRIVE TOKYO, PROCEED TO OKURA.

0830 - MEETING WITH DCM SHERMAN, POL AND ECON COUNSELORS.

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0900 - MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR.

1000 - MEETING WITH VICE FONMIN ARITA.

1100 - MEETING WITH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN NAKAJIMA, ET. AL.

1230 - LUNCH HOSTED BY EMBASSY OFFICER; GUESTS TO INCLUDE FONOFF AND OTHER GOJ OFFICIALS.

1500 - MEETING WITH OWADA.

1630 - MEETING WITH UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA.

1900 - BUFFET DINNER HOSTED BY PAO FORSTER, FOR SELECTED MEMBERS OF PRESS AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES.

3. SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

1000 - MEETING WITH JDA DIRECTOR GENERAL MARUYAMA.

1100 - MEETING WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KUBO.

1230 - LUNCH, HOSTED BY EMBASSY OFFICER; GUESTS TO INCLUDE GOJ OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICIANS CONVERSANT WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES.

AFTERNOON: FREE (MAYBE USED FOR ONE OR MORE OF APPOINTMENTS NOTED ABOVE, DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS.)

1900 - DINNER TO BE ARRANGED (POSSIBLY HOSTED BY JAPANESE SIDE).

4. FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, POLCOUNS SELIGMANN WOULD BE PLEASED TO ESCORT AARON ON TOUR OF POINTS OF INTEREST IN TOKYO AND ENVIRONS.
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DETAILS COULD BE WORKED OUT AFTER ARRIVAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE, AND SOME SUGGESTED, ILLUSTRATIVE TALKING POINTS FOLLOW:

A) US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP: EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLACES ON US-JAPAN RELATIONS, AND DETERMINATION OF PRESIDENT TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THOSE TIES. NOTE THAT WHILE RELATIONSHIP FACES NUMEROUS PROBLEMS AT PRESENT TIME, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC AREA, US IS CONFIDENT THAT NONE OF THESE WILL PROVE INSURMOUNTABLE GIVEN CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BY TWO GOVERNMENTS IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS.

B) US IN ASIA: AFFIRM THAT US INTENDS TO CONTINUE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN EAST ASIA, INCLUDING IN STRATEGIC SECURITY SENSE.

C) CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS: NOTE THAT WHILE THIS IS GLOBAL PROBLEM, JAPAN CAN AND SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE SURPLUS, INCLUDING MEASURES TO INCREASE IMPORTS, TO INCREASE FOREIGN AID, TO ENCOURAGE OUTWARD CAPITAL FLOW, AND TO LIMIT EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAMS.

D) MTN: NOTE NEED FOR SIGNIFICANT JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION, E.G. AGREEMENT TO SEEK 44 PCT AVERAGE CUT, APPLYING SWISS FORMULA.

E) STEEL: NOTE NEED FOR JAPANESE INDUSTRY COOPERATION IN TREASURY INVESTIGATIONS; COMPLIMENT MITI ON ITS HELPFUL APPROACH TO ISSUE. NOTE THAT WE APPRECIATE JAPANESE COOPERATION IN SEEKING INTERIM BILATERAL SOLUTION PENDING ACHIEVEMENT OF LONG-TERM SOLUTION WHICH MUST BE MULTINATIONAL.

F) EMERGENCY TRADE MEASURES: NOTE THAT WE RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE SERIOUS APPROACH TO TRADE SURPLUS PROBLEM REPRESENTED BY NEW PACKAGE OF IMPORT PROMOTION MEASURES.

G) SECURITY RELATIONSHIP: NOTE THAT US ADVOCATES QUALITATIVE IMPROVE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT IN JSDF CAPABILITIES AND HOPES GOJ WILL MOVE AHEAD WITH PLANS TO PURCHASE F-15 AND P-3C. EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR GOJ COOPERATION IN PROVIDING SOME LABOR-COST RELIEF, AS WELL AS FOR FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON FACILITIES, BUT INDICATE DISAPPOINTMENT MORE COULD NOT BE DONE AND HOPE WE MIGHT TAKE FRESH LOOK AT PROBLEM IN FUTURE.

H) KOREA: NOTE THAT WITHDRAWAL WILL BE UNDERTAKEN GRADUALLY AND CAREFULLY, AS GOJ KNOWS FROM SECDEF AND OTHERS CONSULTATIONS, AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WELCOME GOJ OBSERVATIONS ON WITHDRAWAL PROCESS AND KOREAN SITUATION GENERALLY, AND WILL TAKE THOSE VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR PLANNING.

6. FOREGOING LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE. ECONOMIC ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED COULD WELL INCLUDE CIVAIR, FISHERIES AND JAPANESE FOREIGN AID POLICY IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, AND LEVEL OF DETAIL COULD BE QUITE HIGH. ON POLITICAL SECURITY SIDE, JAPANESE INTERLOCUTORS MAY ALSO WISH TO HEAR AARON'S VIEWS ON US POLICY TOWARD SOVIETS AND CHINESE, EUROPEAN SECURITY ISSUES, SALT, MIDDLE EAST, ETC.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION TO FOREGOING. EMPHASIZE THAT SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS IS ONLY ILLUSTRATIVE AT THIS STAGE.

8. FSO DAVID LAMBERTSON IS CONTROL OFFICER. MANSFIELD. UNQUOTE VANCE".

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